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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY SPEAKER SYDN/EY JONES IS SPEAKING
SUCCESS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

USIS PARIS HELD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIC PROGRAM IN
THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAST NIGHT. THE ATTRACTION
THIS TIME WAS VOLUNTARY SPEAKER SYDNEY JONES, UNTIL
RECENTLY WHITE HOUSE DEPUTY TO KENNETH RUSH AND NOW
COUNSELOR TO SECRETARY SIMON. ON THE FIRST LEG OF AN
IWE TOUR OF SIX EUROPEAN POSTS AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE
RECENT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON INFLATION, MR. JONES
SPOKE TO AND DEBATED WITH 150 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES,
SENATORS, EX-GOF MINISTERS, A FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE
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BANK OF FRANCE, TOP FRENCH BUSINESS LEADERS, ECONOMISTS

AND ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS ON MEASURES THE U.S. IS NOW TAKING TO ATTACK THE INFLATION PROBLEM INCLUDING THEIR INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS AND THE OIL PRICE PROBLEM.

THE PROGRAM, IN WHICH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT EDGAR FAURE ALSO PARTICIPATED, WAS CO-SPONSORED BY ECONOMIE ET PROGRES, A PRIVATE FRENCH GROUP DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF A FREE MARKET ECONOMY. IT WAS PRECEDED EARLIER BY A LUNCHEON GIVEN FOR MR. JONES BY THE PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIE ET PROGRES, WHICH WAS ATTENDED AMONG OTHERS BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF BOTH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE, BY YVES GUENA, YOUNG GOF MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT IN THE POMPIDOU GOVERNMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF A MAJOR SUBSIDIARY OF THE LEADING FRENCH CHEMICAL FIRM RHONE-POULENC, AND TWO OTHER EX-GOF MINISTERS. EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS CHRIS PETROW WAS ALSO PRESENT AND TOOK ON THE TRANSLATING CHORE DURING A TABLE DISCUSSION THAT LASTED 2 1/2 HOURS.

THE GREAT RESPECT ACCORDED MR. JONES AS AN AUTHORITY SPEAKER WAS BROUGHT HOME BY THE FACT THAT BOTH FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESIDENTS AND MR. GUENA, AFTER SITTING THROUGH THE LUNCH, ALSO TOOK PART IN THE EVENING SESSION AT THE ASSEMBLY, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET PUT ON BY ECONOMIE ET PROGRES.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN A MONTH THAT THE POST WAS ABLE TO MOUNT A PROGRAM OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT. ON OCTOBER 23, WE SHOWED A USIS KINESCOPE OF THE SEPTEMBER 5 WHITE HOUSE INFLATION CONFERENCE IN THE ASSEMBLY (SEE PARIS 25080 AND OUR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT NO.38, OCT. 31, 1974). PRESIDENT FAURE LED A LENGTHY DEBATE WITH SOME 60

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ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES AND 70 OTHERS ON INFLATION FOLLOWING
THE SHOWING.

MR. JONES'S APPEARANCE LAST NIGHT BEFORE SUCH A DIS-
TINGUISHED GATHERING CAME AS CLOSE TO BEING THE IDEAL
USIS PROGRAM AS WE THINK POSSIBLE. THE AGENCY IS TO BE
COMPLIMENTED ON HAVING GIVEN US MR. JONES WHO IS ONE OF
THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE, LUCID AND ARTICULATE HIGH-LEVEL
OFFICIAL SPEAKERS THE POST HAS HAD.

MR. JONES' MESSAGE TO HIS LISTENERS ON HOW THE U.S. IS
BATTLING INFLATION CLEARLY IMPRESSED THEM, AS DID HIS
APPROACH TO THE SUBJECT IN HIS OPENING REMARKS. THIS
WAS TO EXPLODE FIVE RATHER WIDELY HELD MYTHS WHICH
SURROUND THE INFLATION DEBATE BOTH IN EUROPE AND THE
U.S. (SUCH AS "WE DON'T KNOW HOW WE GOT HERE" -- WE
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KNOW VERY WELL; "WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF THIS
PREDICAMENT" -- WE DO, WITH THE RIGHT MIX OF POLICIES
AND FIRMNESS; "INFLATION ITSELF IS THE ONLY PROBLEM"
-- IT IS NOT; AND "THERE IS AN EASY, QUICK SOLUTION TO

ALSO ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLY PROGRAM LAST NIGHT TOGETHER
WITH SOME 20 KEY ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS REPRESENTING THE
FRENCH, AMERICAN AND THIRD-COUNTRY PRESS HERE WHOM THE
POST HAD TAKEN SPECIAL EFFORTS TO INVITE WERE MINISTER-
COUNSELOR PETROW, THE EMBASSY FINANCE AND LABOR ATTACHES,

THE DPAO, AND TWO OTHER SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICERS.

AS OF THIS WRITING ONLY AFP HAS COVERED MR. JONES'
APPEARANCE; HOWEVER, SEVERAL NEWSMEN PRESENT LAST
NIGHT SAID THEY INTENDED TO DO STORIES.
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